

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, XH  
SUBJECT SUSPENSION DF PAN AM SERVICES

1. BY COINCIDENCE LOCAL PAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE WALTER NELSON CALLED ON E/C COUNSELOR TODAY TO REPORT HE AND OTHER EE REPRESENTATIVES OF PAN AM HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO MEETING TOMORROW IN FRANKFURT. OBVIOUSLY SHAKEN, NELSON SAID HE HAD REPORT THAT PAN AM PLANNED TO SUSPEND SERVICES TO EASTERN EUROPE INCLUDING MOSCOW. HE HAD SPOKEN ON TELEPHONE WITH PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA, DRAHORAD, WHO WAS ALSO SUMMONED TO FRANKFURT. DRAHORAD THOUGHT THAT PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS SOME REORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION, COUNSELOR TOLD NELSON WE HAD ALSO HEARD A REPORT ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT BUT DID NOT KNOW THE PARTICULARS. NELSON  
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SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM UP REPORTER GALLOWAY, ASKING IF HE HAD ANY NEWS ON A REPORTED REORGANIZATION. NELSON SAID THAT HE HAS CONFIDED THIS INFORMATION TO NO ONE, SINCE IT WOULD UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE HERE IN PAN AM'S FUTURE IN USSR.

3. NELSON SAID HE EXPECTED TO HAVE CHANCE TO ARGUE

HIS CASE IN FRANKFURT. ACCDRDING TO HIM, PAN AM HAS HAD EXCELLENT PASSENGER CARRIAGE AND HAS EARNED TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN 1978, EVEN THOUGH FREIGHT CONTINUES TO BE DISAPPOINTING. HE NOTED THAT PAN AM WILL HAVE 30 CHARTERS IN OCTOBER (15 EACH WAY), EIGHT TO MOSCOW AND SEVEN TO LENINGRAD. CONSIDERING THE OLD AIRCRAFT PAN AM IS USING ON FRANKFURT-MOSCOW LEG, HE THOUGHT THAT OPERATING COSTS OF MOSCOW SERVICE MUST BE RELATIVELY LOW.

4. AT 1200 ZULU NELSON CALLED ON TELEPHONE TO STATE HE HAD JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY THAT ALL PAN AM SERVICES WOULD BE SUSPENDED ON OCTOBER 29 AND THAT HE WAS TO INFORM HIS LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND "ALL APPROPRIATE LOCAL ENTITIES" OF THIS FACT. NELSON SAID THAT GOLLOWAY OF UPI HAD CALLED AGAIN WITH STORY GALLOWAY TRACED TO BUDAPEST THAT ALL PAN AM OFFICES IN EASTERN EUROPE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, WERE TO BE CLOSED.

5. NELSON STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO INFORM AEROFLOT ONLY THAT HE WAS LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON AT 1300 ZULU FOR FRANKFURT AND IS ASKING FOR MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION PAVLOV ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. NELSON SAID HE WOULD "HINT" TO AEROFLOT WHAT THE NATURE OF THE SITUATION IS.  
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